



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Nakai et al.

Application No.: 09/897,988

Filing Date: July 5, 2001

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
SUBSTANCE UTILIZING  
MICROORGANISM

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Marvich

Attorney Ref. No.: US-1420

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for reply, 1 month(s) to December 9, 2004.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to .

Please charge our deposit account 50-3077 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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